

# WALVIS BAY 2016



AFRICA ENDURANCE  
CHAMPIONSHIP



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The Walvis Bay Organising Committee of 2016 invites all participants to the African Endurance Championships on 24 August 2016. Be part of this ultimate endurance ride where new friendships are formed and new challenges are faced each year.

### ENTRY INFORMATION

- CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES : MONDAY  
**1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2016**
- Please note that all FEI riders who wish to participate have to register with their country's FEI representative (Shanie Bosch in Namibia, Sharon du Plessis in Botswana and Charmaine Nickisson in South Africa). All other riders have to enter on the NERA website. Please contact Marna Steyl if any assistance is needed with entries.  
Email: [cavallo.info@gmail.com](mailto:cavallo.info@gmail.com)  
Cell: +264 81 220 8582
- If you have to make alterations to your entries, you may do so, before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Afterwards this will only be able to be done via email to Marna Steyl at [cavallo.info@gmail.com](mailto:cavallo.info@gmail.com)
- **NO ENTRIES WILL BE APPROVED WITHOUT PROOF OF PAYMENT.**
- You can check your entry after you have received the email of approval for your entry. Go to [www.namibiaendurance.org](http://www.namibiaendurance.org), check under Walvis Bay 2016 and select "Rider Entry Checklist". All information will be there.
- Address all queries regarding **entries** to : Marna Steyl  
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- Address all **general enquires** to: Rudolf Oosthuizen  
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- Address all **FEI queries** to: Shanie Bosch Fourie  
Email: [shanie@africaonline.com.na](mailto:shanie@africaonline.com.na)
- Address all **permit queries** to: Judy Oosthuizen  
Email: [secretary@namibiaendurance.org](mailto:secretary@namibiaendurance.org)

## ENTRY FEES

| CATEGORY            | DISTANCE | FEE PAYABLE  |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| CEI ** / CEI ** JYR | 122 km   | N\$ 2 300.00 |
| CEI * / CEI * JYR   | 90 km    | N\$ 1 800.00 |
| NERA Child          | 122 km   | N\$ 2 000.00 |
| NERA                | 122 km   | N\$ 2 000.00 |
| NERA                | 90 km    | N\$ 500.00   |
| NERA                | 59 km    | N\$ 500.00   |
| NERA                | 46 km    | N\$ 500.00   |
| NERA                | 30 km    | N\$ 500.00   |

- Stabling fees are included as from 19 August to 25 August 2016. Extra stabling must be indicated on the calculation sheet @ N\$ 50.00 per day.
- **Please ensure that Marna receives your entries and proof of payment. Please call during business hours only. (08:00 to 17:00)**

- **BANKING DETAILS**

Africa Endurance Championship Walvis Bay

First National Bank

Maerua Mall

Branch code: 282273

Account: 62251383916

Cheque Account

Only fully pre-paid entries will be accepted. Please deposit full amount into the above account.

- **NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE ONCE PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

## ACCOMMODATION

- A list of accommodation establishments is available on [www.namibiaendurance.org](http://www.namibiaendurance.org)
- Links to other travel destinations within Namibia is also available on this site.
- **Please contact Judy Oosthuizen for bookings at Esplanade.**  
Email: [secretary@namibiaendurance.org](mailto:secretary@namibiaendurance.org)

## STABLING

- Stabling fees are included in the entry fees.
- Extra stable days are payable on the calculation sheet @ N\$ 50.00 per day.
- Make sure to mention your arrival date on your entry form.
- There will be a stable allocated to each horse, please ensure that you put your horse into the designated stable.
- Special requests for stabling to be sent to [cavallo.info@gmail.com](mailto:cavallo.info@gmail.com)  
Although we will do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee that your request will be met.
- Stables will be allocated randomly and a map of the stable layout will be on the website, 10 days prior to the ride.
- For windy conditions please bring your own side shade nets for horses. Please make sure your horse, as well as a neighbouring horse, WILL NOT injure him/herself on pegs/tie downs used.
- Stables will also be the holding area on the actual competition day.  
All these shade structures must be removed the evening before the ride.
- Please mention on calculation sheet when grooms are shared and horses must stand next to each other.
- A groom and holding area will be laid out near the vet area. Please note that no permanent structures or vehicles will be allowed in this area.

## FOOD AND BEVERAGES

- A variety of food and beverages will be available at the venue during the day from Monday, 24 August 2016. Coffee, tea and rusks will be available from 03:30 on the day of competition. Groom meals will be available, please order at kitchen in the morning before 09:00.

## HORSE FEED

- Grass, Lucerne and Equi-Feed Enduro will be available at the ride base.
- These must be ordered and paid for as per calculation sheet.
- All pre-ordered feed must be collected upon arrival.
- Grass N\$ 80.00 per bale.
- Lucerne N\$ 100.00 per bale.
- Equi-Feed Enduro N\$ 340.00 per bag.
- Equi-Feed Enduro will be supplied from Animal Fedco in Windhoek.
- Shavings for stables will be available at the ride base @ N\$ 25.00 per bag.

## DETAILS OF COURSE AND LOOPS

The Namib Desert, surrounding Walvis Bay, is one of the oldest deserts in the world, and the Walvis Bay ride takes the endurance rider over some of the highest dunes in the world. This ride is not only one of the most popular in Africa, but also an endurance ride in the true sense of the word. Rider and horse have to endure all aspects of the vastness and solitude of the Namib Desert.

The Walvis Bay Lagoon is the largest single area of shallow water on the west coast of Africa. Its natural beauty is highlighted by the presence of thousands of birds throughout the year, most notably flamingos. The lagoon, a Ramsar site is home to hundreds of bird species.

With the cold Benguela current running along this coast the temperatures can vary from very cold to very hot, with occasional desert winds.

There will be distance indicators every 10 km and there will be water points at least every 10 km on the course. Grooming will be allowed at designated

water points on the course on the condition that horses will have right of way on the course and groom teams at the water points may not use any of the water from the provided water point. This is very important because should groom teams make use of the water provided at the water point, it could result in a situation where there will not be sufficient water for the other horses. We further request the groom teams to keep a radius of at least 10 metres around the water point clear for riders and horses. Grooming is only allowed at certain points on the course and will be explained at the rout briefing.

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| <b>HIGH TIDE 05:38</b> | <b>LOW TIDE 11:33</b> |
| <b>SUN RISE 06:19</b>  | <b>SUN SET 17:49</b>  |

**FOR FULL DETAILS REGARDING THE COURSE PLEASE STUDY THE MAPS AND FACT SHEETS ON THE WEBSITE. (It will be available on the website from July 2016)**

## **FUNCTIONS**

- Please note that you cannot attend the functions without a booking made on the calculation sheet, due to limited space.
- You will receive your function tickets during registration on Monday morning.
- The Welcoming Function will be Monday evening 22 August at 17:30 for 18:00 at the Town Hall Walvis Bay. Cost for this function is N\$ 200-00 per person. **Team Managers must also complete a calculation sheet to book their function tickets.** Dress is "smart casual" with the National Teams in formal dress. Team Managers will introduce their teams.
- The Prize giving Function is a very special event which will take place at the Town Hall on 25 August at 17:30 for 18:00. Dress code will be "smart casual" with National Teams in their formal dress. Cost for this function is N\$ 230-00 per person.
- Both these functions have to be paid with the entry. Be sure to book these well in advance and check these bookings on the Excel sheet on the website as well.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The following documents must be brought to the ride:  
Rider logbook (Updated and completed)  
Horse logbook / FEI passport (Updated and completed)
- Logbooks and vaccinations must be up to date and completed correctly as per FEI rules.
- The ride will be a qualified FEI ride and be ridden under such rules.

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| <b>FEI Distances</b>   | 122 km<br>106 km<br>90 km                            |
| <b>NERA Distances</b><br>(Will be ridden under NERA rules as a "vet gate" ride.) | 122 km<br>106 km<br>90 km<br>59 km<br>46 km<br>30 km |

- The minimum age and pre-rides for a horse is as per clause 815 of the FEI rules.
- Under the age of 5 years is not allowed to participate.
- 5 years the maximum distance is 80 km (NERA and novice).
- 6 years for CEI \* and CEI \*\*
- Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any CEI event.
- It is the rider's own responsibility to ensure that his/her horse has to be qualified for the distance that such a rider wants to participate in.
- Maximum pulse and vet gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes. At final inspection, the pulse must be 64 bpm within 30 minutes.



- Loop distances are as follows:

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| LEG 1: Yellow Leg (Saltpan Loop)                   | 30.2 km |
| LEG 2: Blue Leg (Dune 7)                           | 28 km   |
| LEG 3: Red Leg (Sea Loop)                          | 31.8 km |
| LEG 4: Green Leg (Dune south loop anti clock wise) | 16 km   |
| LEG 5: White Leg (Dune south clock wise)           | 16 km   |

- Maximum time to vet is 20 minutes on all loops except the last loop which has a 30 minute time to vet.
- Time stops for all the distances at the vet point except for the rider's last loop when the rider's time will be stopped when such a rider crosses the finish line.
- Weight divisions for senior riders are as follows:

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| CEI * / CEI ** | No weight division |       |
| CEI * / CEI ** | Standard weight    | 70 kg |
| CEI * / CEI ** | Heavy weight       | 95 kg |
| NERA           | No weight division |       |
| NERA           | Standard weight    | 70 kg |
| NERA           | Heavy weight       | 95 kg |

- Categories for child riders and young riders:

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| CHILD RIDERS | Children who ride NERA are permitted to ride on their own from the age of 12 years. |
| YOUNG RIDERS | The year in which he/she turns 14 years – 21 years.                                 |

- **Please be aware that everybody has to weigh-in with his/her saddle during registration. It is a rider's responsibility to complete his/her own as well as the horse's log book before registration. The envelope, which will be handed to the rider during registration, will consist of the Indemnity-, Self-declaration-, and Check out form. These also needs to be completed and handed back, together with the rider and horse log books, after the VET check on Tuesday.**
- Time limit for CEI \* / CEI \*\* and NERA is 10 km/h.
- All complaints during the event must be addressed to the President of the Ground Jury in writing accompanied with an N\$ 900.00.
- Nobody except the official vets may under any circumstances give injections to any of the horses participating in the ride. Failure to observe this rule will lead to immediate disqualification of the horse and rider. In cases where horses need special veterinary care, this has to be paid for by the owner/rider.
- No structures may be brought on in the cooling area.



- No vehicles within cooling or holding area.
- We strongly recommend that horses be shod for this ride.
- Hard hats are compulsory – whenever you are on horse, before, during or after ride. Caged/boxed stirrups or safe footwear with a heel of 12 mm are compulsory.
- No whips will be allowed.
- A third party encouraging a horse to trot in the vet gate is forbidden. Riders must please ensure that horses are schooled to trot without encouragement.
- Dress Code: Riders should wear proper riding attire during competition which includes a shirt or polo shirt with a collar.
- No shorts, bare feet, sandals or soft shoes are permitted within the field of play.
- The official competition starts 1 hour before the pre-vetting and 1 hour after the final results are out.
- A rider's time will stop when he enters the vet gate, except on the last loop when the time will be stopped once the rider crosses the finish line.
- Riders have to depart mounted on their first loop and have to be mounted on their last loop when crossing the finish line.
- Riders and horses should ensure that they conform to the anti-doping regulations as per FEI rules and regulations. There will be tests done on the ride.
- **Any paraprofessionals brought into the country either through South-African riders or Namibian riders should comply with FEI regulations as well as all Namibian Home Affairs and Namibian Veterinary Council rules and regulations. The paraprofessionals must be declared with the President of the Veterinary Commission at the ride base. The Walvis Bay Organising Committee will not take any responsibility for these paraprofessionals.**
- Ice will be available free of charge.

## NAMIBIAN PERMITS

- INFORMATION REGARDING IMPORT/EXPORT REGULATIONS FOR HORSES CAN BE FOUND AT [www.namibiaendurance.org](http://www.namibiaendurance.org) under "forms and info".
- Judy Oosthuizen will assist riders with their **Namibian permits** at a cost of N\$ 750-00.
- All relevant documents can be downloaded from our website: [www.namibiaendurance.org](http://www.namibiaendurance.org)
- **PLEASE NOTE:** All permit applications for the Namibian permits should be sent to ERASA and BERA's secretaries or before 15 July 2016 due to the fact that you need your Namibian permits before you can apply for South African permits.
- Please complete the following forms:

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| <b>NAMIBIA</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Application for importation of Poultry and Exportation of Livestock into Namibia</li><li>✓ Livestock improvement Act 1977: Application for the importation of animals</li><li>✓ Application for veterinary Import Permit for animals into Namibia</li></ul> |
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- All payments to be made to ERASA where after ERASA will pay NERA.
- NB: All permit applications must be received by 15 July 2015
- South-African riders travelling through Botswana must ensure that they are in possession of an in-transit permit for Botswana.

## ATTENTION ALL SOUTH AFRICAN RIDERS: STATE VET REQUIREMENTS

- Please have your documentation ready for the State Vet to sign out.
- Document should be as follows: - Necessary test results
  - Export authorisation permit
  - Copy of horse passport with ID and Vaccination pages
- Each owner's permits and documentation of horses which are on the specific permit must be put in a "Ziplog" bag and handed to the State Vet. If your package does not comply with the above requirements, the State Vet will not sign your horses out.

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ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE RIDE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON  
[www.namibiaendurance.org](http://www.namibiaendurance.org)

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